GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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IMPORT OF APPLES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) the quantum of apples imported during the last three years alongwith the Indian currency paid to these foreign countries; (

(b) whether the Indian apple growers / traders have been adversely affected by these imports; (

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to reduce the import of apples in order to protect our apple growers; (

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; (

(e) the details of steps being taken / proposed to be taken to save the domestic apple growers / traders?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) The quantum of apples imported and the Indian currency paid during last three years is as under:-

Qty. in tons
Value in Rs. Crore

	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001 (April 00-Feb.01)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Apples fresh (08081000)	3	0.005	1974	5.52	5411	16.90
Apples dried (08133000)	-	-	36	0.09	-	-

(b) to (e) : Import restrictions on apple have been removed in accordance with the economic liberalisation policy and in accordance with our international commitments. However, subsequent to removal of the quantitative restrictions on imports, the customs duty on imports of apples was raised from 35% to the maximum bound rate of 50% during 2000-2001. In addition, import of all primary agri products including apple has been made subject to an import permit to be issued by Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, as per Plants, Fruits, Seeds (importation in to India) Order 1989.